

April 26, 1984

Memo to File:

RE: Inspection of the
La-Sal-Snowball Mine
Union Carbide (UMETCO)
ACT/037/026
San Juan County, Utah

In preparation for the completion of the final review of Union Carbide's LaSal-Snowball Mine plan an inspection was performed on April 10, 1984. Division members Susan Linner, Wayne Hedberg and Tom Tetting were present along with Steve McNeal of the State Health Department. Ron Dehollander, Niels Haubold and Rich Miller represented the company. The discrepancy between the previously approved acreage for the minesite and the actual disturbance was investigated. The current disturbance will be permitted as 56 acres.


New areas of disturbance to the east of the LaSal Mine site were visited. A new undisturbed runoff channel will divert drainage around the ore stockpiles and waste rock to the south. Debris scattered on the waste rock was scheduled to be buried in a channel being cut through the center of the waste rock piles. Topsoil was stockpiled in the "undisturbed" field east of the diversion channel.

The Snowball Minesite was also inspected. Two problems were noted:

1. The drainage channel to the north of the property, carrying undisturbed runoff west of the access road was not functioning properly. The regrading which had been done last year has not sufficiently provided channels for unimpeded waterflow. The company was asked to again correct the problem.
2. The erosion and slumping of the waste rock pile on the western edge of the pad appeared excessive and the company was asked to regrade the area to adequately alleviate the problem.

The Beaver Shaft site was visited to inspect the recently created test plots. Some evidence of early sprouts (grass?) were noticed. Several washed out gaps in the berms along the waste rock-composed access road were also observed. The material is being carried down channel and should be consolidated.

A letter will be sent to the company detailing the need for "interim reclamation" on the items previously mentioned. A request to finalize the surety arrangements will also be expected by the company in the same letter. The months of June or July were set to complete arrangements

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